

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 41-50 are being added. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-50 are now pending in this application.

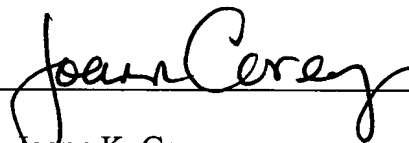
Action on the merits is eagerly awaited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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